Prof. Mrs Smyth, No. 1.

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Dear Bro. Phelps,

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I find my information to scanty upon the topics about which you inquire in yours of the 27th ult, that I have thought it best to dispatch your letter to Father Thurston of Winthrop who knows more about the position of our ministers and churches on the subject of slavery than any other man in the state, with the request that he will write you on the subject. He will do it, I have no doubt with pleasure and his statements may be relied upon. I know but little about the Baptists in a shape that would be useful to you, and I recommend to you to apply to the Rev Mr Malcom of Hallowell, or the Rev Mr Warren of Augusta, the latter I should think can easily procure you all the details you can desire. The former has some expectation of going as one of our delegates, and may be collecting the same information. I was chosen as a delegate by our state society, but cannot go for two sufficient reasons, 1st I cannot raise the means, 2 I cannot have my post at College,

Very truly yours

Mrs Smyth